

## **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action of July 3, 2006, claims 1 and 29 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 11, 15-25 and 29-39 are currently pending in the present application. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

### **I. Figure 6 of the Drawings has been Amended**

Figure 6 of the present application has been amended to include reference characters  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Approval of the amendment to Figure 6 is requested.

### **II. The Specification has been Amended to Included Reference Characters Added to Figure 6**

The specification has now been amended to specify that the first c-channel 56 includes first and second flanges  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  that extend downwardly from the top wall 52. The specification has also been amended to specify that the first flange  $F_1$  forms the front plow blade 50. It is submitted that these amendments do not constitute new matter, since they are only describing features specifically shown in Figure 6 of the application as filed. Approval of the amendments to the specification is requested.

### **III. Claims 1, 2-8, 11, 15, 16 and 18-25**

In the Advisory Action of July 3, 2006, the Examiner maintained his rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 indicating that the relationship between the first flange of the channel member and the front plow blade was unclear. In response, the specification and drawings have been amended to specifically reference the first and second flanges  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  of the c-channel 56. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to specify that the first flange forms at least a portion of the front plow blade. With these amendments, it is submitted that claim 1 fully complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested. Moreover, claims 2-8, 11, 15, 16 and 18-25 depend upon and further limit claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully requested for such dependent claims to also be allowed.

**IV. Claims 29-39**

In the Office Action of April 3, 2006, claims 29-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,655,297 in view of United States Patent No. 6,283,225. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution, claim 29 has been amended to further specify that the main body also includes a c-channel member that extends from the left end to the right end of the main body, the c-channel member defining a downwardly facing channel, and the c-channel member forming at least a portion of the front plow blade. Such structure is clearly not present in any of the cited references. Therefore, allowance of claim 29 is respectfully requested. Additionally, claims 30-39 depend upon and further limit claim 29. Hence, allowance of such dependent claims is also requested.

**V. Conclusion**

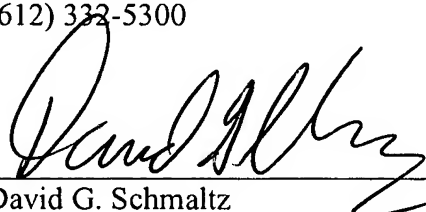
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The sheet of drawings attached in the Appendix includes changes to Fig. 6. This sheet replaces the original sheet. The drawings have been changed as follows: Fig. 6 has been amended to reference characters  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  corresponding to the flanges of the front c-channel.